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The Honorable George Bush
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Dear Mr. Bush:

I have been asked by the Executive Board of the National Conference of Editorial Writers to forward to you a copy of the resolution approved unanimously by the board regarding the CIA's relationship with American and foreign journalists. The resolution was suggested by NCEW's Professional Standards Committee and considered carefully at the spring board meeting at Hilton Head, S.C. on May 1.

The Executive Board would like to suggest a meeting between you and a small NCEW delegation so that it can explain to you personally the basis for this resolution and convey a deep concern over a matter which directly affects the integrity of the news media. I would appreciate your response.

Sincerely

John J. Zakarian
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The National Conference of Editorial Writers long has been concerned about the integrity and accuracy of the information upon which editorial judgments are based.

It also is committed to the principle that its members should try always to avoid even the appearance of misleading readers in any published material on their editorial pages.

The main reason for both concerns is to protect the integrity and credibility of both journalism and the democratic process.

Therefore, the Executive Board of the National Conference of Editorial Writers:

1. Opposes the clandestine employment of American or foreign journalists by the CIA, and urges that all such relationships be terminated immediately.
2. Recognizing that information flows across international boundaries, opposes any planting of false or misleading information by the CIA in the media.
3. Calls upon the Central Intelligence Agency to release the names of journalists who are or have been in its employ, both to protect the reputations of those who were not and to give Americans knowledge they need to evaluate accurately what they have read.

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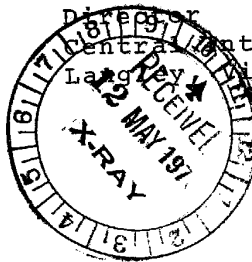
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